

In The Specification:

On page 6 between the paragraph ending at line 6 and the paragraph beginning at line 7, add the following paragraph:

Additional examples of thermoplastic materials include polyacrylate, polyamide, fluoropolymer, polyester, polyphosphazene, polyanhydride, polysulfide, polyether, epoxy, polycarbonate, polystyrene, polybutadiene, polyphenylene oxide, silicone rubber, polylactides, polyglycolides, polycaprolactones, polyanhydrides, polyamides, polyesteramides, polyorthoesters, polydioxanones, polyacetals, polyketals, polycarbonates, polyorthocarbonates, polyphosphazenes, polyhydroxybutyrates, polyhydroxyvalerates, polyalkylene oxalates, polyethylene oxides, polyacrylates/methacrylates, polyalkylene succinates, poly(malic acid) polymers, polymaleic anhydrides, poly(methylvinyl) ethers, poly(amino acids), chitin, chitosan, and copolymers, terpolymers, and combinations or mixtures thereof. Examples of polyacrylates include polymethyl methacrylate, polyhydroxy ethyl methacrylate, and hydroxy ethyl methacrylate (HEMA). Examples of fluoropolymers include Teflon<sup>®</sup> PTFE and Teflon<sup>®</sup> PFA. Examples of polyesters include polylactic acid, glycolide, polycaprolactone and co-polymers thereof. Examples of silicone rubber include polysiloxane.